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(54) Title: USE OF LOW MOLECULAR WEIGHT THROMBIN INHIBITORS IN CHOLESTEROL-LOWERING THERAPY

(57) Abstract: According to the invention there is provided the use of a low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, or a pharmaceuti-
cally acceptable derivative thereof, for the manufacture of a medicament for use in cholesterol-lowering therapy and/or modification
of lipid (triglyceride), lipoprotein, and apolipoprotein, profiles associated with an increased risk of cardiovascular complications.

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 0432537 A2 (IKETON FARMACEUTICI S.R.L.), 19 June 1991 (19.06.1991), see page 2, lines 29-32 and page 4, lines 25-26 --	1-26, 42-44
X	WO 9811896 A1 (MERCK & CO., INC.), 26 March 1998 (26.03.1998), see the claims and page 22, lines 27-29 -- -----	27-41

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☒ See patent family annex.

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: **15-26, 43**
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see next sheet*
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: **1-2, 27**
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
see next sheet**
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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Claims 15-26, 43 relate to methods of treatment of the human or animal body by surgery or by therapy or diagnostic methods practised on the human or animal body (PCT Rule 39.1(iv)). Nevertheless, a search has been executed for these claims. The search has been based on the alleged effects of the compounds or compositions.

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Present claims 1-2 and 27 relate to compounds defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor, cholesterol-lowering or lipid-lowering therapeutic agents. The claims cover the use of all compounds having this characteristic or property, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to compounds defined in claims 4-13. A search for the general wording "low molecular weight thrombin inhibitor" have also been made.

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